Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The family is the foundation upon which our society is structured; the family is one of our society's most important units; and,

Whereas, South Dakota recognizes that strong families are at the center of strong communities and that everyone has a role to play in making families successful, including organizations, businesses, policymakers, and of course families themselves; and,

Whereas, Since family life is the strength of our society, Thanksgiving week is a time to honor the importance of families and to recognize the special connections that support and strengthen families year round; and,

Whereas, With the assistance and resources of family and consumer agencies and organizations across the state, we can help families create a better future for all South Dakotans:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 20-26, 2005, as

FAMILY WEEK

in South Dakota, and I commit this observance to all the people in this state.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-eighth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Five.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State